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SUBJECT: OUTER SPACE - BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS
ON UN REMOTE SENSING NEGOTIATIONS

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1. AS DEPT AWARE, WE HAVE INDICATIONS THAT GOE IS CONSIDERING ACQUISITION OF ERTS RECEIVING STATION WITH ASSISTANCE OF SAUDI ARABIA (SEE CAIRO 1024). IN SUCH CASE EGYPT COULD BE ALLY IN PROCESS RESERVING FREEDOM TO SENSE AND TO DISSEMINATE INFORMATION. THERE ARE UNFORTUNATELY NO REGULAR GOVERNMENT AGENCIES INVOLVED IN THIS PROCESS. AS MENTIONED CAIRO 1024, NEGOTIATIONS THUS FAR HAVE BEEN CARRIED ON AT HIGH, THOUGH UNOFFICIAL LEVELS. APPROACH TO POLITICAL LEVELS MIGHT BE PREMATURE AND COULD EVEN BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE.

2. SUGGEST THAT AMBASSADOR ASCERTAIN CURRENT THINKING REGARDING ACQUISITION OF ERTS STATION AND THEN DISCUSS MATTER WITH FOREIGN MINISTER. BASED ON THESE APPROACHES WE WILL THEN BE IN POSITION TO DECIDE IF VISIT BY NASA EXPERT WOULD BE USEFUL.

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